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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office action dated October 18, 2002. A three-month period for response has been set, making an answer due on or before January 18, 2003. Because the deadline for response falls on a Saturday, and Monday is a federal holiday, the actual deadline for response is January 21, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the deposit account referenced on the transmittal letter.

Please enter the following amendments in this application:

In the Specification

At page 9, please replace the fifth full paragraph, lines 22-25, with the following:

"Vaccine" A vaccine is a composition containing at least one immunostimulatory peptide which may be inoculated into an animal with the intention of producing a protective immunological reaction against a certain antigen. The antigen to be protected against may be, for instance, an infection-specific antigen of *Chlamydia*.